NCT of Delhi issued a fresh notification on 25.01.2007 regarding provision of free seats to the extent of not less than 20 per cent of total seats. The matter is *sub-judice.*

Funds for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan in Andhra Pradesh

181. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact the some funds were siphoned off in Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan projects recently in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken thereon;

(d) the status of such cases reported during the last three years; and

(e) the action taken in respect of each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (e) According to the information furnished by the School Education Department. Government of Andhra Pradesh, an amount of Rs. 14,98,03,378/- of District Primary Education Programme (DPEP)/Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) had been diverted to unauthorized Bank Accounts by the Assistant Accounts Officer of SSA, Andhra Pradesh. An FIR was lodged by the SSA office with the City Central Crime Station on 02.04.2007. Subsequently, the State Government has transferred the case to CID for further investigation. The Government of Andhra Pradesh also has on 25.05.2007 appointed a retired Judge of the High Court as a Commission of Inquiry under the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952 to probe into all aspects of embezzlement including the circumstances or the lapses which led to embezzlement and to fix the responsibility on the persons allegedly involved. The Government of Andhra Pradesh has suspended three Accounts Officials and another three have been transferred out of the State Project Office of SSA/DPEP. In addition. Government of India has requested the Comptroller and Auditor General of India to carry out a special Audit of Accounts pertaining to DPEP and SSA for the period from 2000-01 till date through the Andhra Pradesh State Accountant General (Audit) to ascertain the veracity of accounts.

Misuse of DPEP funds

182. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether funds of District Primary Education Programme (DPEP) were heavily misused recently in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken in the matter; and

(d) the steps being taken to ensure that the funds reach to the students of DPEP?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (d) According to the